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APPLICANT: Shih et al.

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BIOCOMPATIBLE PARTICLES
FOR CONTROLLED PROTEIN
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____
- Enclosed
- Amendment/Reply

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Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Other _____

Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

Other _____

Fees – (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account no. 20-0100.

RCE fee of \$385.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

Extension of time fee of _____ (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

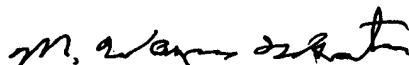
Other _____

Check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed

Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Dated this 30th day of Sept., 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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